

## High Holidays 5757

All High Holiday services, except second day Rosh Hashanah, will be held at the Unitarian Center, 1187 Franklin Street, San Francisco. Second day Rosh Hashanah services will be held at Sha'ar Zahav.

### Erev Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 13, at 7:30 pm

### Rosh Hashanah

Saturday, September 14, at 9:30 am

Sunday, September 15, at 9:30 am

### Kol Nidre

Sunday, September 22, at 7:30 pm

### Yom Kippur

Monday, September 23

Shacharit 9:30 am

Mincha 3:30 pm

Names 4:30 pm

Yizkor 5:15 pm

Neilah 6 pm

Main sanctuary doors open after 6:30 pm for Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre.

### Change in Ticket Policy

For the first time, tickets will be required for all seats at all services. There will be separate passes for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. These will not be collected by the ushers, but must be shown for admission to all services, both daytime and evening. Members in good standing will receive tickets automatically during the month of August. "Good standing" means that you have paid your entire 1995-96 dues and 1996 Building Assessment and first quarter 1996-97 dues or have made arrangements with the Dues Committee. A ticket request form for guests of members is included in this newsletter. Tickets for guests of members, if available, will be \$54 for Rosh Hashanah and \$54 for Yom Kippur; guests of members are seated in the main sanctuary.

It has always been CSZ's policy to make seating available to nonmembers at the High Holidays. This year tickets will also be required for the additional seating areas outside the main sanctuary and will be available from the office

for \$18 per person for Rosh Hashanah and \$18 per person for Yom Kippur.

### Onegs and Break Fast

Please join us for an oneg after Erev Rosh Hashanah services at the Unitarian Center. In place of an oneg after Rosh Hashanah daytime services, bring a bag lunch and join us at Fort Point for a Seudat Mitzvah picnic before Tashlich. Maps will be available at the Unitarian Center.

Services at CSZ on the second day of Rosh Hashanah will be followed by an oneg. There will be a large "break fast" at the Unitarian Center after Neilah, the concluding service on Yom Kippur.

### AIDS Food Drive

One of the reasons we fast on Yom Kippur is to remind ourselves of the hunger of those in need. As we have for the past seven years, CSZ will collect nonperishable food for Project Open Hand at Kol Nidre and through 1 pm on Yom Kippur. Please bring a bag of food items as part of your Yom Kippur observance.

### Children's Services and Child Care

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur, there will be chil-

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## Tisha B'Av: Memory and Mourning

Once a year on the 9th of Av it is traditional to mourn the collective disasters that have befallen the Jewish people, including the repeated destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. In modern times we recall the human tragedies visited not only upon the Jews but upon all of humanity. Please join service leaders Johanna Ceapach Choinn and Barak Gale on Wednesday, July 24 at 7 pm as we, according to custom, sit on the floor, retell the catastrophes of old and read from Lamentations. We will also lament our present day tragedies, including AIDS, ongoing wars and annihilation of species. "Mine eyes do fill with tears."

## Potluck Shabbat

After many requests, CSZ is forming a Young Adults Group to provide more opportunities for persons between the ages of 20-36 to participate in events with other Jews in their age group.

The first social gathering and planning meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm Friday, July 12, at CSZ. Bring a dish that says something about your background, as well as ideas for programs. Call Dana in the office with questions or concerns.



Quilt presented to Rabbi Yoel Kahn, Kadimah Picnic. Photo by Michael Bettinger.



## President's Column

Above the bookshelves on the northern wall of our synagogue library, there are 20 or so cardboard boxes with handwritten labels on them, reading *The Sha'ar Zahav Way*, *Tikkun Olam*, *Lay Leadership*, *Volunteer Involvement*, *Inclusiveness*, *Music*, *Torah*, *Outreach*, et al. The boxes are stacked on each other up to the rafters, in brick-like fashion.

They were produced at a leadership Advance three years ago. The members at that Advance asked themselves: What are the building blocks of our congregation? What are the core values we share? And after much discussion, we came up with those that are now part of our library wall.

Events during the past year, positions that we have taken and programs planned for the coming year reflect some of those categorical building blocks revealing who and what we are as a synagogue and what values we consider important. I want to relate some examples to you.

Our members Paul Cohen and Sherie Koshover were honored by the Jewish Community Federation for their volunteer work through the years. Robin Leonard has been selected after an extensive interview process to be a Wexner Fellow, preparing future leaders of the Jewish Community. These three people have found that extending their lives beyond their immediate circles can provide both improvement in the community and personal satisfaction. We value volunteer work and rely heavily on it. We are blessed with members who identify with this value and give freely of their time to provide for the continued growth and well-being of our shul.

At the community celebration of *Jerusalem 3000* at Yerba Buena Center last month, I was delighted to see our members Lane Schickler, Steve Levine, Sara Haber and Jeff Rubin staffing a CSZ information and gift shop table. The Membership and Gift Shop committee members decided that our presence was important and necessary at this community event. If I recollect correctly, we were the only synagogue with an outreach presence at this very well-attend-



David Stein

ed event. Lane, Steve, Sara and Jeff identify with the need for CSZ to be a presence in community events. Our being there, it turns out, was important to many people, considering the lists of people requesting information about our synagogue, our services and programs and the CSZ product we sold. Some questions asked were, indeed, a bit perplexing: "What exactly is *gay* cooking?" Sometimes some of us might imagine that we have completed our mission, that everyone knows about us and our presence may not always be necessary. The dedication of these committee members reveals that our building block of outreach and community involvement is never at an end.

Last year, our Adult Education Committee, chaired by Claire Rappoport, organized discussions and instruction on a variety of subjects. Our shul is dedicated to continuing adult education: it is a building block, a core value. This coming year, the committee has planned the first of a series of ongoing classes for adults who need some basic courses in Judaism and Hebrew, especially for those adult members who plan on becoming B'nai Mitzvah. Many of our members return to their Judaism after a long absence from any organized shul and feel the need as adults to (re-)learn, question and understand the Judaism they grew up with. And they want to attend classes and discussions at their shul. Claire picked up the baton and ran with it, and now others have joined her committee. We have passed a budget which includes the funding of a half-time professional educator for adults and children. Claire and the committee need not only rely on intuitions and learning through sharing ideas with others. Professional guidance will only enrich our programs and enable the committee to do more.

At the last Va'ad meeting of this year, new members of the Va'ad got their first taste of Va'ad process and the dedication of Va'ad members. We considered whether or not we should take a position on CCRI, the California Civil Rights Initiative. On the surface the proposition might appear innocuous, but a closer reading reveals the mean-spirited motivation of its drafters and supporters. Eloise Magenheim, our Social Action chair, helped us through the discussion with some

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## Everything You've Always Wanted to Know About Prayerbook Hebrew...

Well, not exactly! But this summer CSZ will be offering a four-session class (eight hours) of Introduction to Prayerbook Hebrew. This class is designed for adults and is meant as an introduction to the Prayerbook Hebrew class regularly offered in the fall and spring.

Phyllis Mintzer will teach these introductory classes. The sessions, held in the sanctuary at CSZ, will begin with an optional potluck dinner at 6:30 pm with class from 7 to 9 pm. The dates are Thursday, July 25; Tuesday, July 30; Thursday, August 1; and Tuesday, August 6.

There will be a nominal fee charged for the class, and each student will be asked to purchase the text. Please call the CSZ office with any questions and to register.

## Potluck for CSZBi

Join CSZ bisexuals and their friends and allies for a barbecue potluck and discussion of issues of inclusion and visibility on Sunday, July 7 at 5 pm at the home of Jim Frazin, 143 Genessee, off Monterey, in SF. For more information call Jim (337-4566) or Michael Chertok (550-7608).



Rabbi Leslie Bergson. Photo by Michael Bettinger.



## Minutes of the Va'ad

June 10, 1996

The Va'ad said goodbye to Mike Zimmerman, Lane Schickler, Susan Tubbesing, Carolyn Pines, and Jonathan Comisar and welcomed Recorder-elect Mark Bowers, Treasurer-elect Leah Wolf, and Va'ad members-elect Ellie Cohen, Jeff Forman, Sara Haber and Eileen Levy. Installation of new officers and Va'ad members will take place at Shabbat services, July 19.

CSZ has a new e-mail address: ShaarZahav@igc.apc.org.

The Va'ad voted to support the Jewish Community Relations Council's opposition to the California Civil Rights Initiative and to publicly oppose the Initiative which, if passed in November, would effectively eliminate affirmative action programs.

Dana Katz presented a large number of upcoming social programs (all of which are described elsewhere in this issue of the *Forward*).

The Adult Education Committee is planning two summer courses, targeted to 8-10 CSZ members who are preparing for adult Bat or Bar Mitzvahs, an 18-month process. Interest has also been expressed in an Introduction to Judaism class, and a motion authorizing payment of teachers and nominal tuition fees was approved.

Rabbinic intern Michael Latz will be hired to lead High Holiday children's services, our Selichot service, second day Rosh Hashanah services and perhaps one additional service.

High Holiday ticket pass policy, also published in this issue, was approved. The annual Leadership Advance will be August 2-4 at Wildwood.

The Va'ad requested a monthly report from the Rabbi Search Committee.

May 19, 1996

Rabbi Kahn opened the Va'ad meeting for the last time with a brief commentary on the wilderness of Sinai. Mike Zimmerman started the discussion of the upcoming general membership vote on the new dues structure by examining the question: "What are alternative ways to balance the fiscal year 1996-97 budget?" The Va'ad then heard an update from Robin Leonard and Allan Gold, co-chairs of the Rabbi Search Committee.

Rabbi Kahn reported that the Israel trip was an outstanding success. Susan

Lubeck and Nancy Levin have volunteered to coordinate the next trip. Rabbi Kahn's last service will be Shavuot; his last day in office will be May 29. The Rabbi is no longer available for life cycle ceremonies.

Sunday, May 19, is the first Kadimah session. A large enrollment in the two lower classes is anticipated for next year.

After many successful years, our Kaiser brunch is being phased out. An oneg in honor of the participants is being planned. Va'ad members will be giving thought towards a new focus for the men's group.

Discussion turned to future programming. The Va'ad approved a proposal for a Pride Party on Saturday, June 22; the proposed budget is \$500, with a door charge of \$1 for members and \$5 for non-members. This year's Advance will be the first weekend in August.

The Camp Swig program drew very positive reviews. Fifty-seven adults and 15 kids attended. Although the budget was \$1,500, the actual net cost was only \$600, which the Va'ad funded as follows: \$500 from a Bureau of Jewish Education grant and \$100 from Ma'ayan funds. September 27-29, 1996 and April 4-6, 1997 will be the next two weekends for the program.

## A Midsummer Day's Dream

All members and friends of CSZ are welcome to a softball game (and other games) and picnic on Saturday, July 20, 11 am-3 pm at the Julius Kahn Softball Field in the Presidio. Bring a lunch and CSZ will provide dessert.

No matter what your softball skills are, we want you to play in our famous non-competitive, inter-generational game. We will supply the bases, bats and balls, but you should bring extra gear if you have it. And if you want to play other games, bring them too!

To find your fellow frolickers, drive north on Arguello Boulevard until you enter the Presidio. As soon as you enter, make a sharp right turn. Follow this road past two stop signs, and the field will appear on your left. Parking is available. Please call Ron Lezell (626-5748) or Dana in the office with questions. See you there!

## Barefoot in the Park: A Tu B'Av Celebration

The CSZ community will celebrate Tu B'Av in Golden Gate Park on Sunday, August 4, 11 am-4 pm.

According to the Talmud, Tu B'Av marked the beginning of the vintage in ancient Israel. Tu B'Av serves as a transition from the mourning of Tisha B'Av to the renewal of Elul and the New Year. It is a holiday of fun, friendship, romance, renewal and creativity.

As in last year's event, in which more than 300 younger Bay Area Jews participated, there will be sports, mural making, massages, music, poetry reading, an open mike and food, as well as an all-inclusive dating board. Call Dana in the office for details and keep your eye on Shabbat announcement sheets for updates in July.

## Condolences

We extend our condolences to members who have suffered recent losses:

**Margarita Bekker**, on the death of her mother, Larisa Sokolovskaya.

**Tiela Chalmers**, on the death of her uncle, Michael Fox.

**Jonathan Goldman**, on the death of his friend, Jay Hoffman.

**Eli Weinstein**, on the death of his friend, Stefan Vergnes.

**Steve Weitz**, on the death of his father, Harold Weitz.

The memory of the righteous is for a blessing.

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## Anniversaries For July

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| 4  | Richard Meyerson & Duane Bryant   |
| 4  | Dvora Honigstein & Mary Sue Philp |
| 10 | Elizabeth Katz & Lee Ann Thompson |
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| 14 | Daphne Stuart & Lyssa Friedman    |
| 25 | Daniel Chesir & Stefan Rowniak    |
| 25 | Ruth Miguel & Ron Miguel          |
| 25 | Carole Migden & Cris Arguedas     |
| 26 | Rose Katz & Carol Seajay          |
| 27 | Deborah Hoffmann & Frances Reid   |

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## Inauguration

— Mike Rankin

In a beautiful and bittersweet service in Manhattan, Rabbi Eric Yoffie succeeded Rabbi Alexander Schindler as President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

I attended the inauguration on June 8 as a member of the Board of Trustees of the UAHC. Few Jewish leaders in modern times have been as loved and respected as Alex Schindler. He taught above all that Judaism is about inclusion, not exclusion, and he practiced what he preached. Among other accomplishments, Alex provided the moral leadership that led to the ordination of openly gay and lesbian rabbis, and brought gay Jews into the mainstream of Jewish life.

If the Central Conference of American Rabbis sometimes lagged a bit behind the UAHC, Alex prodded and nudged them until they caught up. And catch up they did, becoming this spring the first organization of American clergy to support gay marriage.

In his inaugural address, Rabbi Yoffie praised Rabbi Schindler for these efforts, for reaching out to those who had been on the periphery of Jewish life: not only to gays, but also to the intermarried and the unaffiliated. He promised to intensify those efforts. Any who doubted the inclusion of our community had only to look at the participants in the inauguration services, both on Friday evening and Saturday. Lesbian and gay rabbis and lay leaders were prominent among them, not because they were gay, but because they were respected colleagues and friends who have made significant contributions to Reform Judaism.

For all his strengths, Rabbi Yoffie will not be Alexander Schindler, as Alex was not Maurice Eisendrath, his predeces-

sor. The two men are different in style, priorities, and patterns of observance. Rabbi Yoffie wears a *kippah*. Rabbi Schindler, raised in the classic German Reform tradition, does not. Eric's emphasis will be on responding to the profound spiritual longing of the modern Jew, even as he supports and advances the social action agenda Alex so forcefully championed.

Differences or not, both rabbis share a warm *menshlikeit* that makes them inspiring leaders and treasured friends.

Later in June, Rabbi and Amy Yoffie and their children will go to Israel, where their son Adam will become a bar mitzvah. While there, the rabbi will meet with Prime Minister Netanyahu.

There is a wonderful juxtaposition here. In the first days of his new presidency, he and Amy return to our spiritual homeland to transmit the Torah to their son, as they transmitted it to their daughter Admina several years ago.

And, at the same time, the new president will begin a dialogue with the new prime minister, the main focus of which will be to advance the cause of peace between Jew and Jew, and between Israel and her neighbors.

It's hard to imagine a more hopeful and appropriate beginning.

## The Boys in the Band

CSZ invites you to join us in seeing *The Boys in the Band*, directed by Neal Shorstein, at 2 pm Sunday, July 28 at 450 Geary Blvd. Tickets are being reduced to \$13 for our community.

Deadline for reservations is July 19. For more information, please call Rob Tat (861-2350).

## Summer Tot Shabbat

It's nearing that time again! Our next Tot Shabbat will be on July 26 at 7 pm. Bring your children to CSZ to welcome the Shabbat with songs and stories. To volunteer with leading the service or helping with the oneg, please call Dana at the CSZ office.

## Rabbi Hershman Retires

Rabbi Morris M. Hershman has announced that he will retire as director of the UAHC's Northern California Council after 25 years of service effective July 1. Although the official retirement date is December 31, the rabbi will begin a sabbatical on July 1. Rabbi Hershman has offered important support to CSZ over the years and we wish him and Geri *mazel tov* and a wonderful retirement.

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## Anniversaries For August

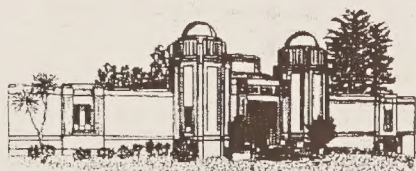
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## Dance/Theater Event

CSZ member Jeff Friedman will perform a new dance/theater work with some members of CSZ's Gay Iz Mirband at 8 pm July 20 and 21 at New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th Street. Call for tickets and further information (863-9834).



*Study Session: Dan Bellm, Jon Commisar, Sara Felder Noily, Jewish Influences on Personal Creativity. Photo by Michael Bettinger.*

## HIV + Support Group

CSZ has ongoing support services for members living with HIV/AIDS and their families and partners.

Mark your calendars:

- Saturday, July 20, 3-5 pm: Support Group at CSZ.
- Saturday, August 17, 3-5 pm: Support Group at CSZ, followed by a catered dinner. RSVP for dinner only.

Support groups are facilitated by Rob Tat. If you have any questions, or would like to put your name on our confidential mailing list, please call Amy Clark at the office (861-6932). Join us!

## Hawaii Equal Rights Marriage Project

Call 1-900-97-MARRY and ask your friends to call it.

Opponents of same-gender marriage will escalate the debate in Hawaii with a July TV ad campaign. To respond, Friends of HERMP must reach 100,000 contributors. Our message is simple: taking responsibility for one another, love, commitment and caring. We will win, if the message is repeated many times a day on major radio and TV stations. Please do your part.

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## President

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information she learned as our representative on the Jewish Community Relations Council. Irene Ogus forwarded us some information about the impact of this so-called civil rights proposition on the status of women. As our Va'ad member Lisa Katz observed, the necessity of affirmative action is a reflection of our congregation's being attuned to the building block of *tikkun olam*: it is the Jewish thing to do, and it is especially the gay/lesbian/bisexual/feminist thing to do. The Va'ad voted unanimously to oppose the CCRI and to support the Jewish Community Relations Council in its stand opposing CCRI. The vote was an important one for us as we realize how charged this issue is for many of our members and how rarely we take public stands: we do so when they reflect our values and entail who and what we are as a congregation. Eloise plans to hold information/educational meetings on the issue for our members and friends.

One last thought: we are in a period between rabbis. The mantle of responsibility for our CSZ ritual life is now worn collectively by the indefatigable Ritual Committee. We have always valued lay involvement in ritual matters. We now so very much appreciate all the work the RitCom members will do in this interim period and the devotion each member feels to the spiritual life of our shul. So many of our building blocks and core values reflect their work. We are a Jewish congregation, not a community center!

This year's Advance has to do with transitions, for we are between rabbis; and with connectedness between new

members, seasoned members, and a future rabbi. The Advance will also discuss the professionalization of our staff. We are changing. It is scary in a very real sense, but the changes will be guided by the values reflected in our building blocks which continue to remind us who we are and what we value as a congregation. Next time you are in the library, look up and say hello to your congregation.

## Gift Shop Sale

Such a deal! The CSZ Gift Shop is cutting prices by 25 to 50 per cent during July and August on many items to make room for new fall merchandise.

Jeffrey Rubin, Gift Shop Committee chair, says the summer sale will be an annual event. It is an opportunity to buy items at cut-rate prices and to clear the way for restocking that traditionally takes place in late summer.

"The gift shop not only provides a needed service," Rubin says, "its profits produce added revenue for the synagogue's budget. And our prices remain low throughout the year because we have an all-volunteer staff."

He encourages members to "take this opportunity to shop for holiday items in advance. Get that tallit for the High Holidays, a menorah for Chanukah, a seder plate for next Passover or a mezuzah for home observance. You'll save a lot of money if you buy them this summer."

The shop is located in the oneg room and is open each Friday night from 7:30 until 8:05 pm. Rubin suggests shopping early while there's lots to pick from.

## JCF Honors Koshover

Sherie Koshover, a dedicated member of CSZ for the past ten years, was honored by the Jewish Community Federation as Agency Staff Person of the Year at the JCF annual meeting on June 13.

Currently Director of Community Relations at the Jewish Home for the Aged, Sherie has been with the agency in various capacities for a total of 22 years. Each position was one which never had existed before and therefore kept her stimulated and gave her the opportunity to create and develop new services for residents and the community. She brings enjoyment into the lives of the frail elderly and works to enhance their surroundings. Her genuine respect for the elderly and her dedication to their well-being embody the highest standards of Judaism and contributed to her being honored. The 20 people she supervises see her as a role model in her strong organizational skills, creative approaches, and contagious sense of humor.

A native of Cincinnati, Sherie dates her interest in working with the elderly back to her childhood. Her grandmother, with whom she and her family spent every Shabbes, imbued her with respect and admiration for the elderly. She also became fluent in Yiddish, but regrets that she did not learn her grandmother's recipes, the thoughts of which still make her salivate.

Sherie came to San Francisco in 1972, started with the Jewish Home as Activity Director, and over time received her Masters Degree in Social Work Administration from San Francisco State University and was licensed by the State of California as a Nursing Home Administrator. She developed an outstanding Creative Arts Department at the Jewish Home and also serves on the Board of Directors of the Associated Auxiliaries of North American Association of Jewish Homes and Nursing for the Aged.

Sherie continues to be challenged by her work and by the opportunity it gives her each day to make some small difference in the life of someone else. She finds that the rewards of doing that and the personal enrichment for her overshadow the energy and effort it requires.

Not only is the Jewish Home for the Aged justly proud of this walking "*mitzvah*-mobile" but CSZ is honored to number her among its quiet, but devoted members. *Mazel tov*, Sherie.



*Study Session: Rabbi Nancy Flam, Imagining God Face to Face, A Cubist Perspective. Photo by Michael Bettinger.*



## Contributions

### General Fund

**Leyna Bernstein**, in memory of Sanford Bernstein.  
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**Anonymous**  
**Robert Tat**, in honor of Paul Cohen's receiving the Jewish Community Federation's Distinguished Service Award for Volunteer of the Year.  
**Mike Siani**  
**Judy Macks**, in memory of Harold Weitz.

### Chesir-Stein Music Fund

**Paul Dickel**, in honor of David Stein's birthday.  
**Judy and Jordan Bloom**, in memory of Sanford Bernstein.

### Bikkur Cholim

**Leyna Bernstein**, in memory of Sanford Bernstein.  
**Jonathan Pannor**, to commemorate the yahrzeit of Bill Valentine.

### Education Fund

**Allan Giannini**, in honor of Julian Levant on his entry into the Covenant.

**Marvin Press**, in honor of Perle Press' 70th birthday.

### House in Order Fund

**Jonathan Pannor**, in honor of Paul Cohen receiving the Jewish Community Federation's Distinguished Service Award for Volunteer of the Year.  
**Anonymous**, in honor of Jonathan Goldman.

### Prayerbook Fund

**Jonathan Pannor**, in memory of Isidore Pannor.

### Library Fund

**Lynne Portnoy**, in memory of Rebecca Schoenfield.

### Special Thanks

To **Jim Frazin and Jen Zallen** for their contributions to fund outreach to the Bisexual Community.  
 To **Gordon Osser and Bill Goldstein**, who donated volumes IV and V of *The Talmud: The Steinsaltz Edition* to the CSZ library in honor of Ed Tanovitz's 60th birthday, and to the **CSZ Book Group** which donated Volume VI of the same set, in memory of Robert Katz's father, George Katz.  
 To **Gordon Osser** for donating a new adding machine to the office.  
 To **Ellen Lewin** for her donations of books to the library.  
 To **Jonathan Goldman** for donating the film *A Letter From Mother* to the CSZ library.

## High Holidays

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dren's services in the Chapel of the Unitarian Center.

Child care will be available for all evening and daytime services at the Unitarian Center. This year, advance prepaid reservations will be required to ensure that we have enough child care workers and to avoid overcrowding. Remember that Rosh Hashanah is on Saturday this year, and please plan accordingly. Child care will not be provided to children without prepaid reservations. The child care reservation form is included with this newsletter. A subsidy is available for members who cannot pay the full cost, but arrangements must be made through the office by August 1. The cost is \$12 per child per service for members and \$16 per child per service for non-members. We do not want to turn anyone away, but we will not have extra child care workers.

Child care will not be available for infants who cannot yet sit up by themselves. The back rows of the Main Sanctuary and back rows of the additional seating areas will be reserved for people with small children. Families with infants are welcome to sit there to make it easier to do the baby-bouncing walk to the lobby.

### Begin the Year with a Mitzvah

There are many volunteer opportunities during the High Holidays. To find out how you can help, please call Lea Salem or Amy Clark at the CSZ office.

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Oneg kiddush. Photo by Michael Bettinger.



# Oneg Schedule

As described in the October 1995 *Forward*, every CSZ member who lives in the immediate Bay Area has been assigned to volunteer at **one** oneg each year. The schedule for the next three months is below. (If you have asked the synagogue not to print your name in the newsletter, your name will not appear on the schedule; however, you are still assigned for the week where your name falls alphabetically.) You'll also be called or sent a postcard reminding you that your week is coming up. Volunteering means:

- set up the oneg (come at 7:30 and put on hot water, pour juice/wine, set out food)

- clean up the oneg (put away food/drinks, collect plates, wash dishes, wipe off tables)

- bring food (cookies, cake, kugel, cut vegetables, fruit or whatever you want, as long as it's vegetarian).

Please call the oneg chair, Allan Gianini (255-8117), a week in advance to confirm what you want to do. We'll provide instructions for people setting up

and cleaning up.

Participation each week is on a first-come, first-served basis, with the primary goal being getting enough people to set up and clean up. If you have circumstances which make it impossible for you to ever help with an oneg, please let Allan know.

If you have volunteered at an oneg since August 4, 1995, you have fulfilled your 1995-96 oneg obligation and can ignore your name when it appears.

## July 5

A. Michels & L. Ok Sun Kim  
L. Michels  
C. Migden  
R. & R. Miguel  
A. Miranda- Mendoza  
J. Moscovich  
R. Moskowitz

## July 12

F. & S. Nacamulli  
H. Nielson & W. Snow  
C. Norton  
S. O'Neill  
L. Ochs  
I. Ogus  
D. Okun

## July 19

M. Oliver & S. Polsky  
L. Olson  
G. Osser  
H. Ostendorf  
J. Pannor  
D. Parker  
H. Parker  
C. Patt  
B. Pechter  
O. Perlman

## July 26

M. Person & S. Tanenbaum  
M. Pierce  
C. Pies  
C. Pines & J. Schwartz  
H. Podgur  
J. Polansky & M. Schoenberg  
E. Pollock  
J. Portal

## Aug. 2

E. Porter & A. Ritzma  
S. Portman  
A. Prussin  
P. Quin  
D. Rabinowitz  
N. Raff & A. Winters  
M. Rankin  
C. Rappoport

## Aug. 9

C. Reiser & K. Shorofsky  
T. Rendlich  
C. Resnick  
I. Rivkin  
J. Robinson  
N. Robinson  
D. Rodas

## Aug. 16

A. Rosenfeld & K. Sharp  
P. Rosenfeld  
J. Rosenstein  
R. Rosenthal  
M. Rosett  
B. Ross & L. Trupin  
M. Rossoff

## Aug. 23

J. Rubin  
N. Sadlier  
S. Samuels  
S. Saslafsky  
L. Schaechner & E. Weissman  
J. Schechtel  
J. Scherr  
R. Schiller

## Aug. 30

D. Schnur  
A. Schwartz  
S. Schwartz  
E. Scott  
J. Sears  
N. Sechan  
J. Seldon  
C. Sena  
D. Shaber

## Sept. 6

M. Shaps  
R. Shelton  
J. Sherman  
B. Shields & D. Wald  
S. Shotland  
J. Shuman  
B. Siegel

## Sept. 20

K. Simon  
M. Singer  
R. Sinkoff  
N. Smith  
M. Spector  
S. Sporn  
S. Stahl  
L. Steinberg

## Sept. 27

A. Stern  
R. Stern  
D. & D. Stier  
M. Sullivan  
D. Supornick  
R. Talansky  
E. Tanovitz  
R. Tat



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## Birthdays For July

- 1 Noah Ritzma Porter
- 2 Danielle Billinkoff
- 2 Kellen Kaiser-Klimist
- 3 Noah Klausner Chasnoff
- 3 Virginia Donohue
- 4 Nina Jo Smith
- 4 Debra Yates
- 4 Judith Heiman
- 5 Alexander Wellins
- 5 Gene Eichenbaum
- 5 Ellen Elias
- 6 Elizabeth Landsberg
- 6 Roland Stern
- 6 Steven Berlin
- 7 Batya Kalis
- 7 Avi Micha Lieberman
- 8 Hannah Pines-Schwartz
- 8 Bon Brown
- 8 Laura Trupin
- 8 Ben Schalit
- 9 Steven Elman
- 9 Carolyn Pines
- 9 Luanne Jenkins
- 10 Samuel Shelton
- 12 Naomi Zingman-Daniels
- 13 Jonathan Zimman
- 13 Sandra Portman
- 13 Deborah Udin
- 14 Daryn Stier
- 14 Steve Unger
- 15 Jason Dahlstrom
- 15 Cheryl Price
- 16 Peter Rosenfeld
- 16 Lois Scott
- 16 Stanley Yantis
- 16 Samuel Walters
- 17 Jonathan Comisar
- 18 Gabriel Press-Becker
- 18 Raphael Hoch
- 19 Geraldine Barr
- 19 Susan L. Feldman
- 20 Isa Cymrot-Wu
- 20 Maia Ross Trupin
- 20 Mary Morgan
- 20 Jeffrey Sherman
- 22 Ellen Litman
- 23 Benjamin Bishop Weston
- 23 Nancy Meyer
- 26 Benjamin Morgan Achtenberg
- 27 Ellen Scott
- 27 Ann Ritzma
- 28 Jacob Stier
- 28 Susan Schwartz
- 29 Steve Lowinger
- 31 Quin Madison Kennedy

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## Birthdays for August

- 1 Carolyn Reiser
- 2 Leah Halperin
- 2 Michael Kay
- 3 Mark Troy
- 3 Salem Buchholz
- 4 Ethan Kaiser-Klimist
- 4 Jonathan Funk
- 4 Naftalie Eisenman Moed
- 5 Ron Miguel
- 5 Rachel Bernstein
- 6 Marilyn O'Keefe
- 7 Alan Michels
- 8 Cheryl Sena
- 9 Allan Gold
- 11 Claudia Galanes Rosenbaum
- 12 Frank Yellin
- 13 Jonah Levy
- 13 Lonnie Weiss
- 14 Carole Migden
- 15 Daniel Bauman
- 16 Cheryl Bryan
- 19 Paul Cohen
- 19 Dan Bellm
- 20 Stacey Shuster
- 20 Jonathan Zingman
- 21 Kate Sharp
- 23 Rebekah Sutin
- 24 Joshua Shuster-Lefkowitz
- 26 Shira Zingman-Daniels
- 26 Debra Gelber
- 26 Robert Cohen
- 27 Jesse Abram Tanenbaum
- 27 Charlotte Halloran-Couch

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## Join CSZ for the AIDS Walk and Breakfast

CSZ wants you to join our team for the Tenth Annual AIDS Walk on Sunday, July 21 in Golden Gate Park. Meet us for breakfast (on the house) at 8:30 am before we begin walking at 9.

Last year, we ranked fifth highest among the fund-raising religious teams, and can raise even more this year with your assistance. A table will be provided for those teams with 20 or more people.

This ten-kilometer fund-raising walk-athon benefits the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and other outstanding Bay Area AIDS organizations. There is no fee to participate in the AIDS walk, but pre-registration is required. You can pick up a form at CSZ and send it in to AIDS Walk San Francisco, Post Office Box 193920, SF CA 94119-3920 or fax it to 392-8707. Remember to tell them our team number is 288 or that you're with CSZ!

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## Film Festival

Peace in the Middle East will be the focus of the 16th annual Jewish Film Festival, which will be presented at the Castro Theater in San Francisco, the UC Theater in Berkeley and Stanford's Cubberley Auditorium in Palo Alto July 18 through August 7. Call for details (621-0556 or 510/548-0556).

## Naches

To **Leslie Katz**, former Community College Board Member, on her appointment as a San Francisco Supervisor by Mayor Willie Brown.

To **Terrance Cheung** on his new job as reporter for BAY TV.

To **Henry Carrey**, on getting a part in the Lamplighter's Theater production of *HMS Pinafore*.

To **Michele Sullivan and Andrew Williamson** on their wedding. Sorry we missed you last issue!

To **Ed Tanovitz**, on the birth of his granddaughter Isabel Packenham.

To **Sherie Koshover**, on being honored as the Jewish Community Federation Agency Staff Member of the Year for her work with the Jewish Home for the Aged.

To **Lea Salem and Lisa Ochs** on their wedding.

To **Julian Levant** on his entry into the Covenant.

To **Lane Schickler** on his new job as Senior Analyst in UCSF's Decision Support and Budget Office.

## Members' Yahrzeits

These yahrzeits recall the anniversaries of the deaths of CSZ members.

### July

- 4 Ed Gabay
- 6 David Custead
- 9 Alexander Louis Konski
- 17 Steven Berman
- 25 Seth Miller
- 30 Phil Resnick

### August

- 2 David Kotch
- 4 Jordan Berger
- 5 Ernie Weinstein
- 6 Jay Platt
- 8 Mark Landsberger
- 18 Elliot Schneck
- 23 Bill Schlichter
- 28 Jay Feinstein

## Synagogue Information

### Officers:

*President*, David Stein (863-4769 or david.stein@internetmci.com)  
*Administrative Vice President*,  
 Diana Buchbinder  
*Program Vice President*, Judith Cohen  
*Treasurer*, Leah Wolf  
*Recorder*, Mark Bowers

### Va'ad (Board) Members:

Michael Chertok  
 Ellie Cohen  
 Jeff Forman  
 Lyssa Friedman  
 David Gellman  
 Sara Haber  
 Lisa Katz  
 Eileen Levy  
 Ed Lopatin

### CSZ Staff:

*Office Manager*, Lea Salem  
*Kadimah Principal*, Phyllis Mintzer  
*Administrative Asst.*, Amy Clark  
*Program Coord.*, Dana Katz

### Committee Chairs:

*Archives*, open  
*ARZA contact*, Ron Lezell  
*Bequests and Donations*, Richard Inlander  
*Bikkur Cholim*, David Shaber  
*Brotherhood*, Stephan Howard  
*Building*, Mark Klaiman  
*Bylaws*, Edward Pollock  
*Cemetery*, Richard Inlander  
*Cookbook Project*, Robin Leonard and Rose Katz  
*Dues*, Susan Gelmis and Sara Haber  
*Education*, Claire Rappoport  
*Endowment Fund*, Richard Inlander  
*Environmental Action*, Barak Gale and Brian Besser

*Finance*, Leah Wolf  
*Fine Arts*, Alice Prussin  
*Fundraising*, open  
*Gift Shop*, Jeff Rubin  
*Infant-Toddler Chavurah*, open  
*Leadership Development*, Irene Ogus  
*Long-Range Planning*, Allan Gold  
*Membership*, Steve Levine and Ami Zusman  
*Newsletter*, by committee  
*Oneg*, Allan Giannini  
*Past Presidents Council*, Merry Luskin  
*Personnel*, Diana Buchbinder  
*Pre-school Chavurah*, Nancy Meyer  
*Public Relations*, Sharyn Saslafsky  
*Religious School*, Ron Lezell  
*Ritual*, Ora Prochovnick  
*Social Action*, Eloise Magenheimer  
*Volunteer Coordinator*, Nathan Robinson  
*Women's Chavurah*, open

*Members wishing to contact any Va'ad member or committee chair are invited to obtain his or her number from the synagogue office.*

**Office Hours:** Monday–Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. Please call the synagogue office (861-6932).

**Bikkur Cholim:** If you or a friend who is a member of Sha'ar Zahav is ill in the hospital or at home, and would like to have a member of the Bikkur Cholim Committee call or visit, please notify the synagogue office.

**Member** of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Mike Rankin, Robin Leonard, liaisons) and of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations.

**Services** are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the second Saturday of each month at 10 am—check calendar for each month. Morning Minyan meets Fridays at 7:45 am.

**Gift Shop Hours:** Fridays, 7:30–8:05 pm.

**Library Hours:** Open during office hours, and 30 minutes before and after Friday night services.

**Congregation Sha'ar Zahav** (Congregation of the Golden Gate) is located in the Upper Market District of San Francisco at 220 Danvers at Caselli, which is one block south of the intersection of 18th and Market streets. By public transport, take MUNI bus 33 Stanyan to 18th and Danvers and walk one block south on Danvers to Caselli.





Musicians in rehearsal. Photo by Michael Bettinger.

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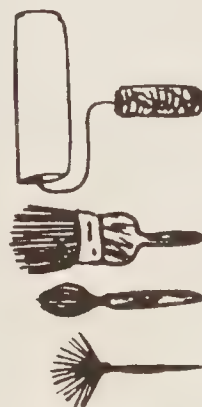
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**1** Monday  
14 Tammuz  
• 6 pm, Healing Service

**2** Tuesday  
15 Tammuz

**3** Wednesday  
16 Tammuz

**4** Thursday  
17 Tammuz  
Independence Day  
• Office closed

**5** Friday  
18 Tammuz  
• 7:45 am, Morning Minyan  
• 8:15 pm, Musical Shabbat service, Jonathan Funk

**6** Saturday  
19 Tammuz

**7** Sunday  
20 Tammuz  
• 5 pm, Potluck and discussion, CSZ Bi's, their friends and allies

**8** Monday  
21 Tammuz  
• 6:30 pm, Va'ad meeting

**9** Tuesday  
22 Tammuz

**10** Wednesday  
23 Tammuz

**11** Thursday  
24 Tammuz

**12** Friday  
25 Tammuz  
• 7:45 am, Morning Minyan  
• 6:30 pm, Young adult group  
• 7:30 pm, Niggun service  
• 8:15 pm, Shabbat service, Daniel Chesir and Brian Besser: new members welcomed

**13** Saturday  
26 Tammuz  
• 10 am, Shabbat service, Frank Yellin

**14** Sunday  
27 Tammuz

**15** Monday  
28 Tammuz  
• 6 pm, Healing service

**16** Tuesday  
29 Tammuz  
• 6:30 pm, Dues Committee  
• 7 pm, Membership Committee

**17** Wednesday  
1 Av

**18** Thursday  
2 Av  
• 6:30 pm, Bikkur Cholim meeting

**19** Friday  
3 Av  
• 7:45 am, Morning Minyan  
• 8:15 pm, Shabbat service, Debby Gelber and Lyssa Friedman  
• Installation of Officers  
• 8:15 pm, East Bay service

**20** Saturday  
4 Av  
• 11 am–3 pm, CSZ picnic, softball and hanging out at Julius Kahn Softball Field at the Presidio  
• 3 pm, HIV Support Group

**21** Sunday  
5 Av  
• 8:30 am, CSZ team does the AIDS Walk

**22** Monday  
6 Av

**23** Tuesday  
7 Av

**24** Wednesday  
8 Av  
• 7 pm, Tisha B'Av service, Barak Gale and Johanna Ceapach Choinn

**25** Thursday  
9 Av  
• 6:30 pm, Ritual Committee  
• 7 pm, Intro to Prayerbook Hebrew, Part I

**26** Friday  
10 Av  
• 7:45 am, Morning Minyan  
• 7 pm, Tot Shabbat  
• 8:15 pm, Shabbat service, Martha Rosett and Lyssa Friedman

**27** Saturday  
11 Av

**28** Sunday  
12 Av  
• 10:30 am, Kaiser Brunch (held only if new coordinator is found; call CSZ office to volunteer)  
• 2 pm, CSZ group goes to see *The Boys in the Band*  
• 5:30 pm, Mother Tongue Theater Production at CSZ

**29** Monday  
13 Av

**30** Tuesday  
14 Av  
• 7 pm, Intro to Prayerbook Hebrew, Part II

**31** Wednesday  
15 Av

Note: Gray areas indicate religious services.

*The Morning Minyan  
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## 1 Thursday 16 Av

- 7 pm, Intro to Prayerbook Hebrew, Part III

## 2 Friday 17 Av

- Advance weekend
- 7:45 am, Morning Minyan
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Neil Grungras

## 3 Saturday 18 Av

- Advance weekend

## 4 Sunday 19 Av

- Advance weekend
- 11 am–4 pm, Jewish community-wide Tu B'Av "Barefoot in the Park" event in Golden Gate Park

## 5 Monday 20 Av

- 6 pm, Healing service

## 6 Tuesday 21 Av

- 6:30 pm, Dues Committee
- 7 pm, Intro to Prayerbook Hebrew, Part IV

## 7 Wednesday 22 Av

## 8 Thursday 23 Av

## 9 Friday 24 Av

- 7:45 am, Morning Minyan
- 7:30 pm, Niggun service
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Tiela Chalmers and Dev Noily

## 10 Saturday 25 Av

- 10 am, Shabbat service

## 11 Sunday 26 Av

## 12 Monday 27 Av

- 6:30 pm, Va'ad meeting

## 13 Tuesday 28 Av

## 14 Wednesday 29 Av

- 7 pm, Newsletter editing

## 15 Thursday 30 Av

- 6:30 pm, Bikkur Cholim

## 16 Friday 1 Elul

- 7:45 am, Morning Minyan
- Aufruf for Kathy Simon and Inbal Kashtan
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Lyssa Friedman and Steve Weitz
- 8:15 pm, East Bay service

## 17 Saturday 2 Elul

- 3 pm, HIV Support Group

## 18 Sunday 3 Elul

## 19 Monday 4 Elul

- 6 pm, Healing service
- 7 pm, Newsletter layout

## 20 Tuesday 5 Elul

- 7 pm, Membership Committee

## 21 Wednesday 6 Elul

## 22 Thursday 7 Elul

- 6:30 pm, Ritual Committee
- 7 pm, Newsletter distribution

## 23 Friday 8 Elul

- 7:45 pm, Morning Minyan
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Nicole Bloom and Daniel Chesir

## 24 Saturday 9 Elul

## 25 Sunday 10 Elul

- 10:30 am, Kaiser Brunch (held only if new coordinator is found; call CSZ office to volunteer)

## 26 Monday 11 Elul

## 27 Tuesday 12 Elul

## 28 Wednesday 13 Elul

## 29 Thursday 14 Elul

## 30 Friday 15 Elul

- 7:45 am, Morning Minyan
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Johanna Ceapach Choinn and Ora Prochovnick

## 31 Saturday 16 Elul

Note: Gray areas indicate religious services.

## SEPTEMBER FORWARD DEADLINES

### FOR ADVERTISING MONDAY, AUGUST 5

To place a display ad, call Roslyn Fuerman (510/526-1209 or froslyn@aol.com). To place a classified ad, call the office.

### FOR ARTICLES MONDAY, AUGUST 12

Please submit articles both on 3½-inch disk and hard copy on paper *double spaced*. Write "Attn. Gaily Forward" on top and mail to CSZ. *No deadline extensions without advance permission from the editorial coordinator* (821-3855) or Bkalis@aol.com.

### East Bay Services

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- 8/16 Susan Tubbesing, 3433 Brunell, Oakland (510/482-3740)



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